



Mountain View Recycling Resource

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Citywide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale

Citywide Garage Sale

At Your Home

Saturday, May 4, 8 am to 2 pm

- Free newspaper advertising of event.
- Buyers may search online for sale items and locations at www.MVrecycle.org.
- Maps available May 3 online or at City Hall.
- Hold a sale at your home or coordinate a block sale or fundraiser.

Register online at www.MVrecycle.org by April 19 or call **(650) 903-6227** for form.

Community Yard Sale

At Rengstorff Park

(201 S. Rengstorff Avenue)

Saturday, May 11, 8 am to 2 pm

- Over 100 vendors in one location with hot bargains, good food and more.
- Admission free to buyers. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee.

To register or for more information, call **(650) 903-6331**.

Reusable Bag Ordinance Bans Plastic Bags

Starting on Earth Day, April 22, 2013, customers will need to bring a reusable bag for shopping, or purchase a paper bag for ten cents from retail stores in Mountain View. It is estimated that 40 million plastic bags are used annually in Mountain View. The intent of the new ordinance is to reduce consumption of natural resources; decrease litter and impacts on stormwater and utility systems, and the marine environment; and promote a shift toward reusable bags as a Zero Waste measure.

Mountain View is part of a regional effort by 24 cities in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties to adopt identical or similar ordinances to ensure uniform, consistent regulations in a broad geographical area. This will lessen confusion for consumers and retailers and set a level playing field for competing retailers in different communities.



Paper Shredding Events

At SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale

**Saturday April 27, August 24 and Nov. 2
8 am to 12 noon**

- Proof of Mountain View residency required (e.g., utility bill, driver's license).
- Bring only confidential documents such as tax returns, bank statements and medical records.
- No heavy binders, binder clips, mixed media such as VHS tapes, CDs or computer disc/drives (paper clips, staples, spiral notebooks ok).
- Limit of five (5) banker boxes or paper grocery bags per household per event.
- Unloading assistance available, if needed.

Call **(650) 903-6311** for more information.
See page 4 for a map to the SMaRT Station.

Ordinance Provisions

The ordinance applies to any retail establishment selling perishable or non-perishable food, goods, clothing, or personal items directly to the consumer, such as grocery stores, department stores, convenience/liquor stores, beauty supply, hardware, and audio/media stores, and farmers markets. Retailers exempt from the ordinance include restaurants, nonprofit charitable reusers (thrift stores), and establishments providing a service (e.g. dry-cleaners, newspaper home delivery).

- Stores are banned from providing plastic carryout bags starting April 22, 2013.
- Customers may bring their own reusable bags for shopping.
- Stores may provide customers with a paper or reusable bag for a minimum charge of 10 cents each (no free bags). Stores retain the money from paper and reusable bag sales.
- Stores may provide free reusable bags to customers as a promotion **before** April 22, 2013.
- Stores may provide paper or reusable bags at no charge to customers paying for goods with WIC, CalFresh, SNAP or other food stamp cards.
- Stores may provide customers with protective bags at no additional charge for use **within** the store to transport items to the cashier, such as bags for meat, produce, prescriptions, greeting cards, live fish, and bulk foods / products (e.g. hardware nails/screws).
- Reusable carryout bags sold on or after April 22 must be made of either a machine-washable fabric or be a durable plastic bag at least 2.25 mil thick.
- Paper bags must be made from a minimum of 40% postconsumer recycled content.
- Stores must itemize bag sales on customer receipts, retain records for 3 years, and provide records if requested by the City. The 10 cent bag charge is not subject to sales tax.

City staff will enforce the ordinance on a complaint basis **(650-903-6311)** and through routine spot checks at stores.

For more information regarding the Reusable Bag Ordinance, visit us at www.MVrecycle.org, look for us on Facebook, or call Solid Waste and Recycling staff at **650-903-6311**.

Customer Tips

- Remember reusable bags (and avoid bag charges) by keeping bags in the car, near the front door, or paper-clip coupons to reusable bags. For unplanned shopping trips, keep compact reusable bags in your pant pocket or purse.
- Periodically wash or rinse reusable bags with soapy water, or solution of vinegar and water. Between grocery shopping trips, let bags air out so any excess moisture evaporates.
- For pet wastes, reuse bread bags, newspaper bags, restaurant or paper bags; or purchase pet waste bags from your local pet store or drugstore.
- For small trash cans, reuse restaurant carryout bags, paper bags, or purchase a reusable liner from hardware and home stores.



Collection Service Changes

There will be changes in collection services beginning July 1. These collection service changes will differ depending on the type of collection service customers subscribe to (individual cart collection versus shared bin collection). Residential customers will benefit from increased services and additional operating hours at the Mountain View Recycling Center. Collection services for commercial customers will also be changing. Detailed information regarding service changes will be provided to customers by mail and via our website (www.MVrecycle.org) closer to the July 1 start date for the new services.

How to Recycle at Home

1. Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

2. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

3. Paper (Grey Lid)

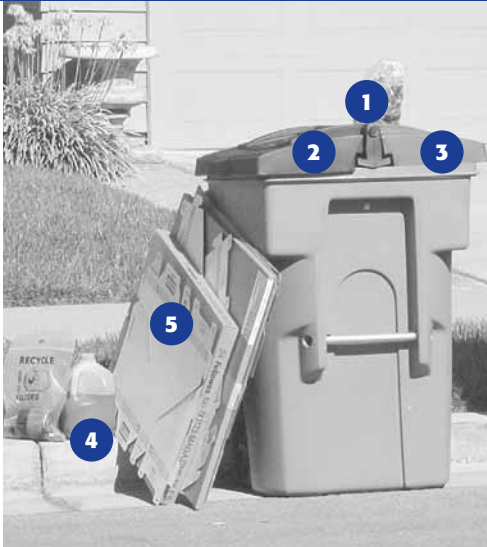
Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

4. Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

5. Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3’x3’ in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.



Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The **On Call Plus** clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.

* Apartment managers must call Recology at **650-967-3034** to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.MVRecycle.org** for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4’ in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

Schedule an On Call Plus Pick-Up

It’s easy! Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.

Appointments may be scheduled anytime before December 21, 2012. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013 to allow for collection of holiday trees.

Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Extra recycling only can be dropped off at the Mountain View Recycling Center, 935 Terra Bella Avenue. Sorry, extra recycling will not be collected in bags outside the cart because drivers operate fully automated trucks with mechanical arms.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.

WHAT’S RECYCLABLE?

Accepted

Mixed Paper



Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes • Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics) • Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines • Manila folders • Paper egg cartons • Paper bags • Post-it-notes • Paperback books • Shredded paper • Telephone books • Writing paper

Mixed Containers (Caps and Lids OK)

Glass bottles and jars
Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin and steel)
Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7



Not Accepted

Mixed Paper

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes • Hardback books • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons or pouches • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper, cardboard or cartons

Mixed Containers

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics and porcelain • Clamshells* • Drinking glasses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets, garden hoses) • Plastic bags or other plastic film • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and Pans (or other scrap metal) • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

This list may also be used for apartment and business recycling. Check container label to sort recyclables.

For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 15 (Week A).

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 28), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time up to December 24, 2013 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 26, 2013 through January 17, 2014.

*Find your collection day online: www.MVRecycle.org and click on collection schedule.

Color = Week A
Grey = Week B



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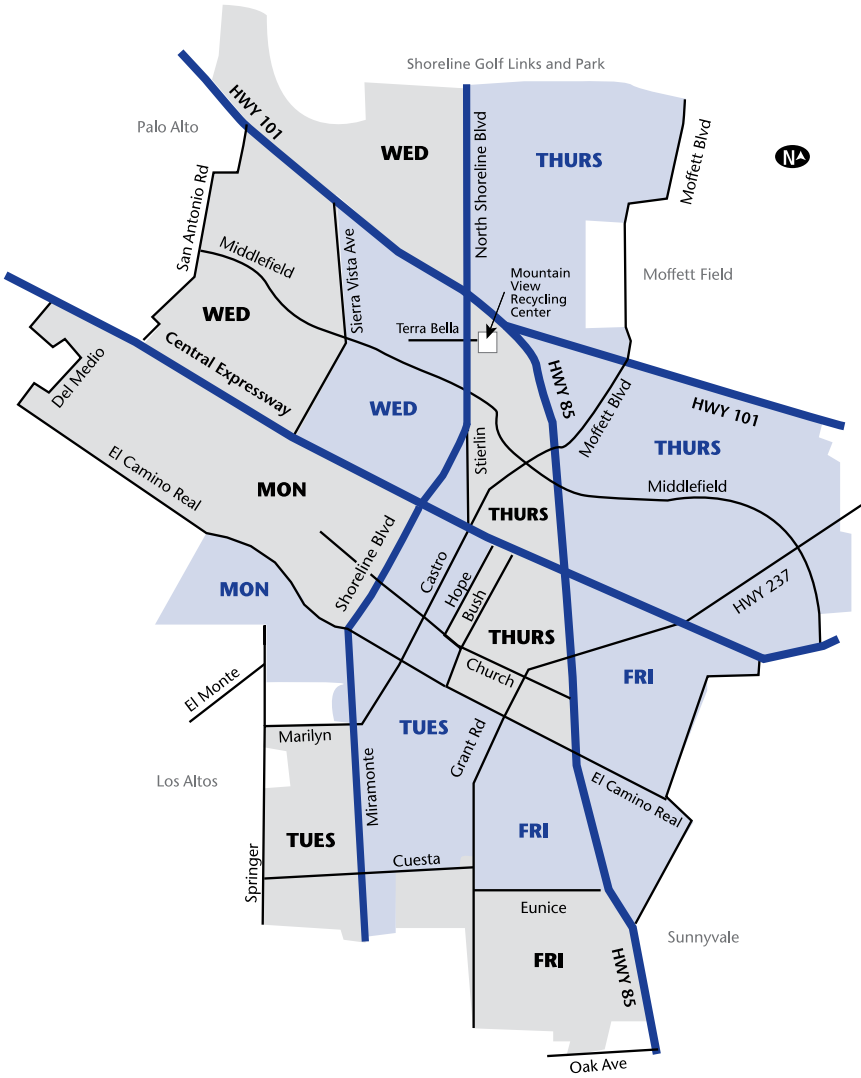
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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034)
Curbside Collection
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCRs, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (one each) (**fee***)
- Batteries (household¹ and vehicle)
- Cell phones², telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves and stoves (**fee***)
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Passenger Tires (limit four) (**fee***)
- VCRs and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (**fee***)
- Water heaters (**fee***)



County HHW Program
(408-299-7300 or www.hhw.org)
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household¹)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.

¹ Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).
² Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

*Fee waived for residents using On Call Plus Voucher

E-waste drop-off events sponsored by Santa Clara County and cities. Event locations and dates are variable around the County, check www.hhw.org for updated information.

Recycling Directory

Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

Fluorescent lamps (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

Lamps and batteries

Blossom True Value Hardware
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871
(Leave with employee at register)

Orchard Supply Hardware
2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000
(Leave at customer service desk)

Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply
134 San Antonio Circle, (650) 948-1089
(Leave with employee at front register)

Batteries only

Radio Shack
530 Showers Drive, (650) 941-2320
1350 Grant Road, (650) 961-7964

Services

Utility and garbage billing information including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags. City Finance & Administrative Services Dept. 650-903-6317

Garbage and recycling collection including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services. Recology Mountain View 650-967-3034

Household batteries can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

Household hazardous waste free disposal by appointment. County Toxics Hotline 408-299-7300 www.hhw.org

Home composting information including free workshops, compost bins and brochures. County Compost Hotline 408-918-4640 www.ReduceWaste.org

Pollution prevention information including best methods to reduce pollution. City Environmental Safety Staff 650-903-6378

Recycling Leaders Program City Public Works Department 650-903-6311

Water conservation information including methods, technology, and product rebates. City Water Conservation Staff 650-903-6216

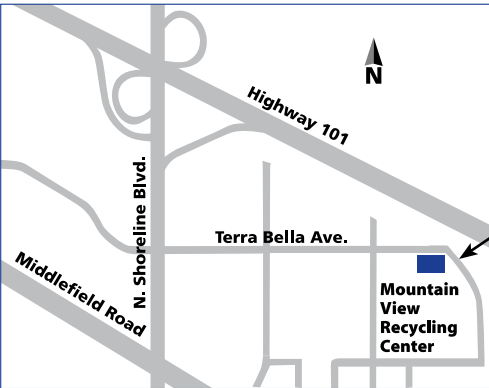
Visit the City of Mountain View's web site for business or residential recycling information: www.MVRrecycle.org



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Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

Hours: Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

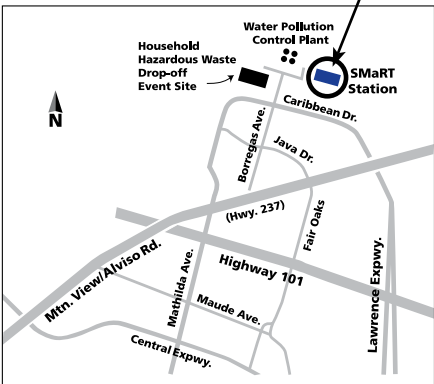
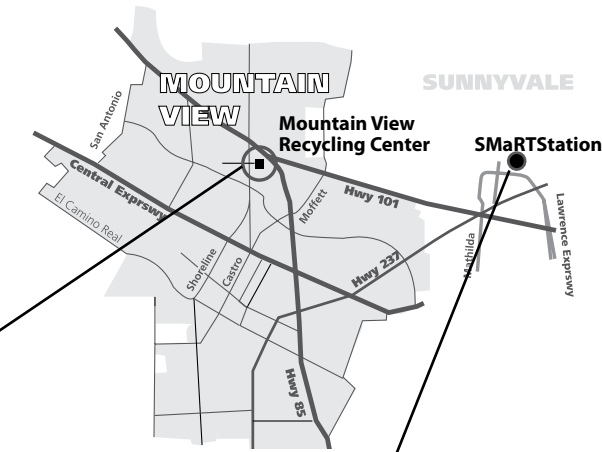
Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7



Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.

* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**



SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

Hours: Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

Questions? Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

Recyclables Accepted (no charge)

Cardboard • Glass bottles and jars • Household batteries • Metal cans and lids • Mixed Paper • Newspaper • Plastic bottles and tubs #1–#7 • Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

Spring/Summer 2013 Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar

March 16	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 20	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
April 22	Earth Day (www.earthday.org) Reusable Bag Ordinance in effect (see page 1)
April 27	Confidential Paper Shredding Event (see page 1) Home Composting Workshop in Mountain View
May 4	Citywide Garage Sale at Homes (see page 1)
May 11	Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park (see page 1)
May 18	Home Composting Workshop in Mountain View Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day National River Cleanup Day (www.CleanACreek.org)
June 15	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
July 20	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
August 17	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day
August 24	Confidential Paper Shredding Event (see page 1)

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Find out more online:

www.hhw.org



Home Composting Workshop

Learn how to turn your grass, leaves, and kitchen scraps into nutritious soil. Saturday, April 27 or Saturday, May 18 10 am to 12 noon Mountain View Community Center at Rengstorff Park (201 S. Rengstorff Ave.) Pre-registration is required, call the Rotline at **(408) 918-4640** or visit:

www.ReduceWaste.org.